

Cavite scribe's slay solved—PNP

By Luigi A. del Puerto, in Manila
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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF General Arseno Llanera yesterday announced that the slaying of columnist Robert "Bobby" Ramon has been "solved" after the suspects in the killing were identified and charged in court.

The Southern Luzon Police identified the suspects as brothers and sister-in-laws.

Murder charges were filed on Wednesday against the two brothers before the office of Laguna provincial prosecutor George Das in the Civil Court.

Chief Supt. Arseno Llanera, Calabarzon police director, said the brother brothers were brothers of private-outpost boss who owned two malls in Piny's Market in Barangay Dasac, Calabarzon, Laguna.

Llanera said they have launched a manhunt for the suspects who were both from Marikina City.

Ramon, 34, a columnist of the Cavite-based weekly *Katipala News*, was gunned down on Nov. 20 by snailmen armed with a 20-cal. revolver. He was the second person killed in less than three days on the north this year.

Task Force Ramon head Supt. CG Basilio Llanera said the killing appeared to be an "offshoot of a case by the Optical Media Board on Nov. 17, when P4 million worth of Ciba/VLEW/TEWA were seized from various, including the names of the suspects."

"The crime was suspected to be the tip-off, as an act of retaliation, media man Roberto Ramon was targeted," he said in a statement.

Quoting a witness, the police said the brother brothers allegedly threatened Ramon after the raid.



The World

Editor: Lorraine B. Santos

Gloves off, Australia calls S'pore hanging 'barbaric'



SYDNEY photo of Australian drug smuggler 'Tony'...

SYDNEY—THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT dropped diplomacy on Thursday and called Singapore's plan to hang a young Australian drug smuggler 'barbaric.'

Australia has repeatedly sought amnesty for Tony Nguyen, 20, who was sentenced to hang for the murder of his wife and six children in 1996.

Secretary-General Philip Ruddock said the execution of the death penalty is 'barbaric' and 'inhuman.'

'It was a mandatory death sentence. The best we could do was to get a going to happen,' Ruddock said.

'We want to see justice done, but it's not a hanging.'

Then-Prime Minister John Howard called a huge rift with Malaysia that lasted a decade when he called the 1996 hanging of the Australian drug smuggler 'barbaric.'

Singapore is one of Australia's closest allies in Asia and Australia's Prime Minister John Howard has rejected calls for a military invasion over the execution, which is scheduled for Friday.

Howard has, however, made his government's position clear to Singapore and his foreign and justice ministers have also called for a change in the city-state law on drug trafficking, saying it would not allow Singapore to be a safe haven for drug traffickers.

Nguyen's lawyer, Lee Lian, said...

Australian television from Singapore that Nguyen, a Catholic, was hanged from a gallows.

'It is his right to die for his crime and he is a free man, ready to die.'

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer confirmed Nguyen's death. He said Nguyen would be allowed to talk to his family before his execution.

But Singapore had blocked early a request for Nguyen and his mother to be allowed to hug one last time.

Some 600 people have been hanged in Singapore since 1971, mostly for drug trafficking, an Amnesty International report said. That gives the country a 6.6 million people the highest murder rate in the world relative to population.

Singapore abolished the death penalty decades ago.



NEW DELHI, 1,000,000 HIV-positive cases in the Commonwealth Health Education Society (CHES) campaign in India...

US to mark grim milestone with 1,000th execution

NATIONAL MORTUARY—General Bevilacqua, sentenced in 1996 for the murder of his wife and six children, will be the 1,000th person executed in the United States since 1976.

After eleven years in prison, Bevilacqua will be the 1,000th person executed in the United States since 1976.

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A photograph of General Bevilacqua is shown in the margin.

other seven inmates, a white man with a broken back, and a black man, sentenced for a 1996 murder.

But when Bevilacqua is killed by lethal injection at 2 a.m. Friday, he will have the distinction of being the 1,000th person to die in the United States since 1976.

The court ruled that the state's execution method is constitutional.

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Let's talk about safe sex, Premier Singh tells India

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COPIERS advertisement featuring various copier models and their features.

Bush offers no date for Iraq pullout

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Centrino advertisement featuring a woman and the text 'Performance superstar'.

Gulf nations eye sewage as source of fresh water

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES—As the world's oil reserves approach zero, the desert states of the Persian Gulf are looking for a way to survive.

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Crushed Dream advertisement featuring a woman and the text 'Crushed Dream'.

Kyoto becomes operational

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HP advertisement featuring various HP products and the text 'Performance superstar'.

Affront to the electorate

THE ELECTORATE SHOULD BE asked to re-evaluate if a new Charter change. This referendum should be introduced now, rather than 2009 or even later, before the end of the presidential term. If the electorate gives a constitutional revision, it should be a constitutional revision which should deal the proposed amendment. The delegates to that body should be elected by the people.

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Gains of the student movement in peril at UP

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—FRANCISCO L. GARCIA

El Financiero, Mexico City

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Media fanning unrest

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PHIL Efron/arc at the Baguio public market.

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Group says Samar folk back antilogging drive

By Vincent S. Luterio
PHOTO BY PHIL EFRON

INCEBORN LITTY—THE EFFORT TO PROTECT AND restore the remaining forests of Samar is led by the support of most residents of the country's third largest island, which is rich in biodiversity.

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Never lose hope despite illness

BY JIMMY LITTY—PHOTO BY PHIL EFRON

There is one alley of the Baguio market. This root crop has become a sensation that's spreading like wildfire.

It looks like a dark-skinned, round potato (but it's twice as expensive as a potato) in Baguio, it is known as a "camote" (sweet potato) and is becoming a hit. It is not only a new crop for the city but also a new crop for the region.

Andrew Nolasco, a vendor, said the crop has been sold in Baguio, Benguet, and Benguet, Benguet.

"It's really good, I was selling 10 kg a day. Now, because there are so many of us (vendors), I only sell 3 kg," he said.

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Palace last resort: 'Pirma,' if Senate refuses to Cha-cha

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identified, pointed to statements from House leaders that they could go ahead with Cha-cha without the Senate. It seems the Constitution, in that case, did not specifically say that the two chambers of Congress should convene jointly when they convene as a constituent assembly to amend the Constitution.

The plan seems that the House will try to muster 194 votes, equivalent to three-fourths of the combined number of 234 members of the House and 12 senators, to carry out the constitutional amendment.

Political operator

"And there is also the talk about the risk of going to the DSC," the senator told the Inquirer.

The Commission has reported that the Senate is considering to appoint Lord Sgo, Rosalinda Pineda, a former political operator who helped in her 2010 election campaign, as secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government. Former Secretary Angelo Reyes is being offered the control part of Philippine embassies in the United States.

Memo

The senator said that an interim secretary, Pineda, who also leads the President's political party, Kapatiran, is the

IN THE KNOW

What's Forward

1996 House and Senate leaders issued the People's Initiative on Politics, Modernization and Justice (Pirma), which seeks a people's initiative to amend the Constitution and 28 basic laws of the state, including President Duterte.

2011 The Supreme Court issued a temporary restraining order to stop Pirma's signature drive. It also

from the Commission on Elections (Comelec) through a court order. Pirma's signature drive has not yet started. The high court did not block Pirma.

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House, would be just in charge of the people's initiative.

'System of initiative'

The new senator said this course would be "very heavy" because there was no law providing for its implementation.

Article 18, Sec. 22 of the Constitution says: "The Congress shall, as early as possible, provide for a system of initiative and referendum, whereby the people can directly propose and enact laws or approve or reject any act or law or portion thereof

passed by Congress or local legislative body after the ratification of a plebiscite. The initiative shall be limited to one per centum of the total number of registered voters, of which every registered voter shall be empowered by at least three per centum of the registered voters to propose."

One of the senators said the Supreme Court had ruled that the people's initiative was still in contemplation because Congress had yet to promulgate its implementing provisions.

"They tried it and failed during the Ramos administration," he said, recalling the "Pirma" initiative last

at that time as a move to extend the term of Ramos.

Pirma's impact

Pirma would, for people's initiative to reform, modernization and justice, a group headed by House and Senate leaders (see introduction, p. 1).

It would mean that the House would be the people's initiative, the senator said, that would still have to go to Congress to amend the implementing law.

"They will still have the House and I don't think the senators will fail in that," he said.

Evangelicals back GMA as transition President

By Christine E. Figueroa

A MAJOR GROUP OF LOCAL EVANGELICAL churches is open to the possibility of having President Marikina-Ateneo as both head of state and of government in preparation for a shift to a federal, yet unitary form of government.

The idea was put forth by a gathering of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC) on November 26 at its annual meeting in the Asian Evangelical Seminary in Cebu City.

The PCEC represents around 20,000 local churches with around 2 million adult members.

PCEC head Bishop Dennis Trinidad said that the group is open to any form of government, provided it is a transition period from 2012 to 2016, meaning that the Constitution would be amended by 2016.

"It can be longer or it can be shorter, but it would be within that period of time," he said, referring to the proposed transition period.

The proposal would essentially allow Mr. Marikina-Ateneo to continue to be the president of the Philippines until the end of his second term in 2016, after which the results of the 2016 elections will be decided and implemented.

Asked how the system would appear to the public, Trinidad said, "We don't have right now, do we really, to make the sense of the people. They're still trying to see what the direction of the possible changes is."

Two other options were not during the discussion, among evangelized leaders and local church leaders.

One scenario was to hold all elections in 2016. The other suggested that there will be no election in 2016 but up to a no-referendum year.

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US need for Filipino animators rising

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as much as \$60 million from movie studios in the coming years.

The group during the 20th Philippine Information Commission, Technology (ICT) Congress held recently in General Santos City.

Chief guests from the Department of Trade and Industries, Department and that is 2014, the estimated industry in the country registered 140 studios, to increase.

The competitive advantages of Mindanao and the services Philippines in the field of animation are its rich culture, natural resources, diverse behavioral influences in presenting animation and high English proficiency compared to the competition from other Asian countries like India and Korea," she said.

5,000 animators

At least 5,000 animators are estimated throughout the country, Trinidad said. Most of them work for top-paying animation firms, such as Aki Kaurismäki, Warner Bros., and Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon.

Trinidad said many Filipinos, including the students and Grad City who worked to migrate for "Studying There," were behind the current state of the industry and that the industry is still in its infancy and needs to be developed by the government and private sector.

Investments in education services are for getting to the country and not having market access, according to government officials.

"It's a dominant factor in Mindanao's development. In fact, the government is already looking forward to developing the digital graphic arts industry by establishing centers, integrating internet access and increasing its private sector involvement," Trinidad said, chair of the Mindanao Economic Development Council, said.

'Ang Kapatiran' party goes to Cebu

ANG KAPATIRAN, A NEW NATIONAL political party, will launch its national convention in Cebu City on Saturday (Dec. 3) at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sola Maik, Sola Maik Center, P.O. Box 1, according to House Speaker and president of Ang Kapatiran in Cebu.

House Speaker and president of Ang Kapatiran, said the convention will be the first of its kind and will be a landmark event.

According to the Commission on Elections of May 1, 2011, Ang Kapatiran stands on a platform with clear and specific policy objectives, all aimed at enhancing the common good, promoting the politics of trust and of doing and the politics of transparency and accountability. Address will be conducted in English.

Court OKs rehab bid of PPI

By Elizabeth L. Jarrold
and Walter Potts

Plan holders cry 'injustice'

The order immediately raised a furore from the Parents' Building Parents' Coalition (PBP Coalition), saying the approval of the substitution of PPL, owned by the Fuchengze family, was an "injustice" done to them and their children. The PBP Coalition recommends the disqualification because of the troubled history of the

"We going to be a very bad Christmas and a hellfire that for all those who brought plants in these exchange companies," says the president of the 1992 Coalition.

FFY, which has 54,000 total, non-profit holders, is the second personal plan to obtain the trust's go-ahead to undertake a rehabilitation program after Pleasant Dale. Funding before the trust is the prelude for rehabilitation of five more plant College the

Three other dated Nov. 30, Judge Murray Harris said that several of documents filed before the court, "there appears to be no discussion, even or implied, treatment of the traditional education, also, before."

Barry said there was more to 1991's picture asking the court to allow it to go through corporate reorganization last year.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which opposed the privatization plan, has now decided to withdraw its suit.

Further, she said, that in their view, the granting of PPP's reclassification "means the company is allowed to

The authors already point out that there is no need to rehabilitate the company because the company is dead. They just made Enron the

is alleged by a series of documents which has already been classified by the SEC. (The Securities and Exchange Commission) as fraudulent. The SEC has already negatively said it

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Operating profit	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other income	100	100	100	100	100
Income before taxes	\$700	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Taxes	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Net income	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

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Income before taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
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CHEAP CASH. A family of artists has produced the top of a 10-meter-long, pink, 1000-lb. bus. The bus, which is a cheap alternative, is used to transport the family's art collection. The bus is used to transport the family's art collection. The bus is used to transport the family's art collection.

AGRICULTURE, TOURISM

Lanzhou officials eye investments in Albay

LANZHOU CITY—OFFICIALS OF THE Lanzhou municipal people's government and the province of Gansu in the People's Republic of China have expressed interest in Albay.

Lanzhou municipal mayor Chang Jialing said during a recent visit here that among the potential investment areas were agriculture and agri-tourism.

"This endeavor, we believe, could further strengthen the Albay-Lanzhou friendship relationship and other bilateral links, the both are areas have prioritized this kind of friendship for the benefit of our people," Chang said.

Though the Chinese officials did not disclose how much the group would invest in Albay, Chang said the group was impressed by the province's potential and hopeful to invest soon.

The Chinese mayor said the Lanzhou municipal people's government not only have in the plans and current production of Albay the second super-producing province in China.

"It also came to our attention that the local government is continuing to efforts to convert more farms to market crops, especially in the Lanzhou area, for crop agro-ecology and other agricultural products," Chang said.

"With the success of our capability and experience in the local endeavor, we would like to share it with the province of Albay," he added.

Albay Governor Fernando Limbaco revealed that aside from possible investments in agriculture, the visitors' Chinese officials also expressed support to the construction of an international airport in Davao, Albay.

Some representatives of the Chinese visiting group declared plans to visit local State-owned or local machine production and other related health centers in CDO's Office of Agriculture, PDR Southern Luzon Division.

CDA at a loss on how to deal with co-ops

LA TRINIDAD, BANGALU—THE COOPERATIVE Development Authority (CDA) has admitted it was at a loss on how to regulate electric cooperatives since these desire to convert into stock co-

operatives.

CDA executive director Rod Raulan and the CDA vice mayor said in regulating co-ops, consumers or multi-purpose cooperatives, and not rural co-ops with complex operations.

The complaint came from Raulan's board officers of the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Philreca) in a consultation on the stock conversion of electric cooperatives in Quezon City last Nov. 20.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, all electric cooperatives, which are currently non-stock and non-profit, are mandated to register as stock corporations either with the CDA or the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Philreca has questioned the required conversion due to operational and legal issues which, it claimed, could adversely affect the electric cooperatives' operations in retailing electric power.

Raulan agreed with Philreca's observation on the absence of a regulatory framework within CDA that could be used to resolve conflicts that would arise once electric cooperatives are absorbed under CDA as stock corporations.

"Some of our CDA people has come from electric cooperatives, that's why when these cooperatives register with us, we will feel confused and lost," he said.

However, the CDA is willing to sit down with the electric cooperatives to come up with incorporating manual to provide a regulating mechanism for CDA once electric co-operations registered as stock corporations, he said.

There are 170 electric cooperatives in the country.

They have already registered as stock corporations with the CDA while the rest are still under the National Electrification Administration (NEA). Bulacan-Cebu, 2001 Nov 29 (The Inquirer).

DTI lists five barriers to SME growth

MANILA CITY—THE DEPARTMENT OF Trade and Industry (DTI) has identified at least five major barriers to the growth of small medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country.

DTI says, DTI director for members like, finance, and that SMEs need major challenges such as the lack of local government plans for SME development, inadequate database for SMEs, weak SME centers, limited credit access and limited budget to finance businesses they need investment in.

"These barriers have been considered as the prime business preventing our SMEs from achieving sector growth," DTI said.

It said the good news, however, was that despite the obstacles, SMEs continued to be the main drivers of the Philippine economy.

One said SMEs contributed 52 percent to the country's Growth Triad (GDP) and employed about 65-70 percent of the country's total labor force.

The impressive performance of SMEs despite the major barriers to their growth has prompted the DTI to adopt aggressive measures, which were aimed at achieving at least 14.5 billion worth of turnover.

"The assistance comes in the form of business consulting, skills and managerial training, product design and development, marketing and identification of appropriate technology and funding," DTI said.

It also said DTI also implemented its two major projects geared toward SME development.

These included the promotion of opportunities for enterprise and livelihood development programs. *July-Quino, 2001-MediaWorld*

BUSINESS

Customs tightens monitoring of car imports

Campi exemption removed to level playing field

By Michael V. Garcia

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) HAS ORDERED all car imports to be subjected to stringent evaluation to address smuggling of vehicles.

The directive that affects the companies of the members of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) from vehicle importation is effective.

"The companies who are of the incentive category given to Campi members, which include the biggest car manufacturers and importers, like Toyota, Honda and Nissan, will be affected," he added.

"We are no longer exempting Campi members. All importations of vehicles should not be based on declaration by importers," said BOC Office in Charge Alexander Novales.

The lifting of exemption measures that Campi

members should now first get a clearance from the Office of the BOC Commissioner before their car imports can be released.

The Customs chief said this new system of monitoring should not put importers at a disadvantage as values declared by car importers should be changed to help pay revenue losses.

The government was said to be losing over P100 million annually from lost duties and on lost smuggling, which was blamed for having legitimate local industries that could not compete with such cheaper smuggled goods.

The BOC is asked to collect over P150 billion worth of duties by 2005, and is on its way to meeting the target.

In the end of October, the BOC was P9 billion short of its target.

Commissioner Diosdado Lee said the group was not opposed to the lifting of its members' exemption from evaluation of car imports, noting that the BOC has increased taxes to shorten and simplify valuation processes.

"It's not a problem. We are complying with all the requirements," Lee said in an interview.

He said the lifting of the exemption from valuation was due to a move to level the playing field among importers, and would remove perceptions that Campi was being favored over others.

Lee added that Campi planned to sell 95,000 vehicles in 2005.

He said the group was on track as far as meeting the target, but added that sales performance for this year was also due to heavy advertising and marketing promotions.

RP, Indonesia eye joint exploration deal

By Edgardo L. Noy

THE PHILIPPINE AND Indonesian governments are exploring the possibility of beginning talks on a joint venture with Malaysia for oil and gas exploration in the Sabah Sea.

Energy Secretary Rufino Lantion said the Indonesian government, through Energy and Mineral Resources Minister

Parmananto Nugroho, brought up the idea of collaborating with each other to explore whether oil and gas could be produced from the area before the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

This particular area, he said, is important, and the subject of a dispute among the three countries.

He said negotiations began during the joint exploration in the Sabah Sea.

The Indonesian and Philippine governments had earlier started talks on maritime boundaries, he said.

"But those talks have not yet been completed, so the Indonesian cannot see the possibility of anything a year or more later, when the maritime boundaries are ultimately settled," he said.

"Of course, this is an issue that will have to be taken up through the respective departments of foreign affairs of the two governments," he added.

Should the dispute agree upon joint exploration, he said it

would be the first such pact between the Philippines and Indonesia.

"Indonesia has just developed agreements with almost everybody in the region except the Philippines," he said.

"We have similar agreements in place with Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam. But more details on this will have to come later," he added.

The Philippines has a similar agreement with China and Vietnam for the conduct of seismic research over an area that includes the disputed area.

Under the agreement, the Philippine National Oil Co., China National Offshore Oil Corp. and Vietnam Oil and Gas Corp. (PetroVietnam) will explore, process and transport data from the identified areas and out of them are oil and gas reserves there.

The group had already finished exploring the area south of Java, which, according to PetroVietnam, is rich in oil and gas.

These data would be sent to Russia in Vietnam for processing, he said. This deadline is set for January at early February 2004.

After processing, he said the data would then be sent to Manila for interpretation, a process that would take between three and four months.

First Gas awarded \$99.3 million in damages

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

A LONDON TRIBUNAL HAS AWARDED IN FAVOR of London-based First Gas Power Corp. an award of about P1.5 billion to First Philippine Holdings Corp., noting it was entitled to \$99.3 million in damages due to the alleged delay in the construction of its 1,200 megawatt gas-fired power plant in Batangas province.

This was decided in the Philippine Court of Appeals (CA) in a decision rendered by Justice Francisco T. Sison in a decision rendered by Justice Francisco T. Sison in a decision rendered by Justice Francisco T. Sison.

The ruling by the International Chamber of Commerce in London does not mean that First Gas has a windfall of \$99.3 million, but rather allows First Gas to recover payments to its contractor, Siemens AG.

The London Tribunal, however, has yet to issue its final ruling on other claims made by First Gas and Siemens.

Siemens sued First Gas in 2002 after the latter denied payment worth \$94.2 million to Siemens due to the alleged delay in the construction of the gas-fired power plant in

Batangas.

The gas plant began construction in November 1997 and was supposed to be completed in 1999. Instead, it was finished in 2000.

In December 2002, Siemens submitted a request for arbitration to the International Chamber of Commerce in London against First Gas with respect to the delays in the project.

Siemens stated First Gas to pay an additional \$64 million for "undue costs and inconvenience."

But the arbitral tribunal on this 1 declared that First Gas was entitled to damages for the delay worth \$99.3 million.

It also said that Siemens was entitled to no interest on this and suspension of legal proceedings.

"The arbitral panel found Siemens in violation of contract, notwithstanding, it was determined that Siemens could First Gas the sum of \$99.3 million," Richard Lantion, senior vice president for First Gas said.

First Holdings meanwhile also said it is dissatisfied in the PSC that First Gas has filed a counterclaim against Siemens with the Arbitral Tribunal with respect to delays in the plant and alleged damages worth another \$200 million.

Both Siemens and First Gas claim interest from each other as well as legal costs involved in pursuing claims against each other.

First Gas' counterclaims were heard by the arbitral panel separately.

The arbitral award decided on the merits of First Gas' claims as well as determining the amount of sums that will be returned to its client, First Holdings and its affiliates.

The gas-fired power project is a component of the Batangas-Malabon gas power project, which calls for the supply of natural gas to fuel plants with a capacity of 3,000 megawatts.

The project will deliver energy to Copeland power distribution Manila Electric Co., under a 20-year power purchase agreement.

Rules on derivatives handling eased

By David C. Dornier

THE BANGKOK STOCK EXCHANGE has relaxed its listing rules on banks with existing indebtedness to accept government deposits and handle complex derivatives products.

BSP Deputy Governor for bank supervision and examination Somchai Jiraprasitthi said yesterday the policy-making Monetary Board had agreed to simplify the process by which banks could maintain their authority to conduct these two functions.

In the past, the banks were required to go to the BSP yearly to renew their licenses. They had to prove they were in compliance with the requirements under existing guidelines.

"The BSE has adopted a policy of making it a continuing authority under which a finding that the bank is no longer compliant with the requirements to handle complex derivatives and accept government deposits," Jiraprasitthi said.

Derivatives refer to capital and financial instruments whose values are based on the underlying assets's price or index.

Kuok sells KPPI stake

BUM, 10/2/01 BY THE BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE PROPERTY INC. yesterday said it would sell its 49 percent interest in property firm in Asia Pacific, a company "indirectly owned" by Sun Miguel Corp. president Vincent S. Mig.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Bank said it had agreed to sell its interest in KPPI Land Corp. to exchange by the acquisition of its loss by Asia Pacific.

"It's a relaxation of the operational efficiency on banks can often exceed better and on the part of BSP to reduce the operational burden," Jiraprasitthi said.

"The authority will continue unless there's a finding that they are no longer qualified and we usually find out during the semi-annual examinations," he said.

The relaxation, however, would cover only banks with existing licenses which are being subjected to the same framework each year from applications will be processed through the department.

"The context of licensing is another matter," he said.

When the state security crisis erupted in 1997, bank licenses provided that the use of derivatives would result in very high compliance with the use of the currency derivative to hedge foreign exchange risk.

But the latest volume indicated that the bank derivatives market in the country remained in the same place.



NDL TREES FIVE TECHNOLOGIST

Yves president Hall de Castro makes a call on the first vice president for international sales USA Networks in Pleasanton, California using the First Virtual Contact Center (VCC) during the opening ceremonies of the Asia Convention Summit. The summit, held Nov. 25 at the Philippine Trade Training Center in Pasig City, was jointly organized by the Engineers' Conference of the Philippines and the Professional Management Staff. Under the Vice President are Eng. president Ben Barrios (left) and Eng. president Miguel Yunda (right). First VCC is a revolutionary technology that allows small companies to start a call center with capital of as low as P15,000.

Asean looks into feasibility of regional gas pipeline project

By Russell L. Ho

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (Asean) have initiated efforts to determine the feasibility of various segments of the Trans-Asian Gas Pipeline (TAGP), including one connecting Brunei and Malaysia.

In a meeting at the 4th Asean Council on Environment, Transport, and Culture, held on Wednesday evening, Philippine National Oil Co. president Eduardo Manalo said the Philippines had TAGP Task Force had agreed to determine the economic viability of the project's different segments.

He said the volume of gas to be transported via the pipeline network would likely be reached. As for the Brunei-Philippines leg, he said the group would have to determine how economically feasible it would be to undertake it.

In an earlier interview, PNOC under president Eduardo Rodriguez said more than 10 billion cubic meters of gas would be needed to connect the Philippines to Asian gas markets in the Asian region. A gas pipeline linking the Malaysian gas field in Sabah to another gas field in Brunei.

But this was just an estimate, he said, as the only concrete basis for this amount was the cost involved in establishing the existing gas pipeline connecting the Malaysian gas field to the natural gas field power plants in Brunei.

A pipeline that was around 100 kilometers long, he said, would cost \$1.5 billion to build and operate.

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Private investments boost housing program

HOUSE (JANUARY 2001) said private sector investments continued to fuel the momentum of the government's housing program, with the agency's government housing program saw 27 percent growth in the past five years.

PHC president Cecilia Bocanegra said PHC's performance has seen its 1995-1999 income in June this year, much more than the P20.5 billion registered in the same month five years ago. The income represents an equivalent of government housing units sold loans to and investments in the housing sector.

The growth of confidence in the program, he said, indicated the steady confidence of the private sector in the government's housing initiatives. Prior to passing

household income 2001, PHC registered a continuing decline in commitments by an average of 7 percent yearly from 1997 to 2000.

The value of new commitments in the government housing program had increased 95 percent from 2000 to June of this year compared to the levels from 1997 to 2000, he pointed out. Average annual income from 2000 to this year was placed at P12 billion, up from P9.8 billion yearly from 1997 to 2000.

Bocanegra said the continued private sector confidence has been further boosted by directives from Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUCOC) chair and Vice President Joseph E. Estrada to increase HUCOC capacity to answer private calls.

RATE program hobbled ...

By Russell L. Ho

administration's fiscal program.

Under the scheme, the private and government partnership was a method known as private financing, as well as the private sector, to build new houses against government land cost.

For a while, RATE was the star of the town and the source of discussion. Under its watch, the government had complaints against private sector and investors. On the other hand, private sector and investors, who are closely identified with the President.

In the course of their work, Bocanegra and other members of the RATE team inevitably began stepping on the toes of the private and public sectors.

In an interview before he was denied his resignation, Bocanegra conceded that there were no powers when he was asked to push his powers on the private sector.

A close associate of the finance undersecretary, however, admits that "private" enterprise would come more just for the private, especially when they were after the potential "big fish."

"Usually, the 'big fish' would be made through our 'bait', said Bocanegra, who worked with Bocanegra in preparing the private changes. "So far so, we just did not get the bait for our business, private companies."

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"It was really the one who jeopardized the RATE program," Bocanegra said. "Before that, there were no big profits, but eventually came being lost."

As long as the model for approach was in effect, the private sector, as evidenced by the government's private sector, was immediately after RATE was hobbled.

Bocanegra's departure, along with changes in President Arroyo's economic team in the office of the President and the Vice President, was a setback.

"It's different when you're working under houses who have no direction and guidelines," he said, describing the frustration of so-called reformers in the finance department. "There is a marked difference with working by the private sector."

"They are young and aggressive, so you definitely want to work with them," he said.

Beyond the private sector, Bocanegra also played a crucial role in setting the RATE program on the path to recovery by setting the private sector's private sector, as evidenced by the private sector, was a setback.

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Redefining fashion retail

THE OPENING OF ZARA MUST have been the most successful in fashion retail this year.

The Mall of Asia (MOA) was packed with a good mix of fashionistas and tourists that were not the same thing. Crowds were swarming up the escalators and down the stairs, and after checkout, the store had a line of customers waiting.

And you may think it's hard times? While some may be hard (as when the mall was still under construction), the high-end crowd is growing in the mall. In Zara's case, the brand high-end is growing in the mall.

I asked off to the mall, passed the two floors, and what a surprise find. A Zara store, I found a long silk dress that's just the appropriate length and right style-length. The longer the skirt, the more it's like a skirt. The longer the skirt, the more it's like a skirt. The longer the skirt, the more it's like a skirt.

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Quite telling was the sight of men and women pulling the merchandise off the racks...a shopping frenzy right on opening night. I was surprised to see a couple of girls in their teens try on a short black mini skirt. I thought this Sublime-Audrey Hepburn look appeared only in the past. Apparently, they thought it, and so did I.

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THE 100TH of the late and the century-themed birthday party Jaypee Tio (center) and wife Patricio Tio, with Southseaside, Joe Marie Tio and Marky Rodriguez (right), the celebrators.



TEDEO Boy Lucero and wife Leticia L.



POPULER Joseph Richard and Sandra Lopez.



METTING in 100th birthday party, Jaypee Tio and Patricio Tio.



TOP GALS of the Oriental Casino Society, Jaypee Tio and Patricio Tio.



MARION Rodriguez and Jaypee Tio, Jaypee Tio and Patricio Tio.



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Filipiniana feast and Oriental deli



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THAT'S RIGHT, MAGNIFICENT, ALLIGERED but in the popular Filipino delicatessen, from Pinar, San Pablo, Laguna, to the "Filipino deli" that Pinar Tio and his husband, Jaypee Tio, have founded in the heart of super city, Manila. Jaypee and Patricio Tio.

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LIFESTYLE

Conditioner found for unruly hair

AT LAST, THERE IS NOW AN affordable solution to control big, bushy and coarse hair. This problem is a major one among Filipinas as a lot of us have unrefined hair.

I have never had a problem with tangle shampoo as they always had a variant for whatever hair type I was going through.

I used spray their new conditioner called Green Hill Hair Soft & Shiny Shampoo Conditioner and was very impressed! It only costs \$1.99 for the 200 ml can and smells like a million dollars!!

My hair wasn't only easy to comb after the treatment, it was also very manageable and really soft. Flaying made between and dry strands were shiny as well.

THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOUR HAS GAINED MOMENTUM SINCE 2000.

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others is that it contains Vitamin E and B12, both known to revitalize dry hair and looks to increase on each strand. Last, the treatment in the hair strands though because when applied on the scalp, it gets greasy too fast, which leads to a lot of falling hair like most hair conditioners.

Those with oily, but sensitive skin know how hard it is to find the correct face wash. Manufacturers just assume that those with sensitive skin could use the formulas for dry skin.

city skills based programs are designed to be strong and efficient given the time and space. These self-contained city skills lessons will work.

The new variant contains Vitamin E and Silk Satin essence to revitalize dry hair and lock in moisture.



2000 Survey

the wing and body part of the military chamber they studied. Those designed for regular use after six months (arm break out and other military use) were not studied.

Conagid, the drugstore cleanser everyone uses from Mexico to Hollywood now, has made them only skin cleanser available in the Philippines. It gently washes off dirt and oil without disrupting the protective moisture layer. Those with oily skin do not get break-outs and there is no more time left behind.

Scripts also could ensure the

Golden moments roll for actors and screenwriters. This month we can get away with saying our evening prayers by day. Those of you who love vanilla-based scents will most likely be sorely tempted with scents like Amaretto Skin (a vanilla like honey panna cotta), Thirty-Minute Sugar Immersion, Dior Addict, La Prairie's Silver Sands and more. *Vanilla* is

Those who prefer floral will enjoy Vanilla by

India Mercantile is a mix
 of east and west
 and French Grand's Pa-
 stries is full of passion,
 vanilla and (hong kong).



CREATING VALUE

Play now (free)

Are you done with your Christmas shopping? I have hit the bazars with my friends to score the bargains and found some products that are great in the sense that they were more expensive than they actually are.

There are some sprays in very clean, broad glass bottles that do not claim alcohol as they are actually double or isotonic. Caution: Those with sensitive skin should refrain from spraying it on their skin directly as they may get allergic reactions.

From this company called Fibermill, there are two variants. High is the bestseller. It smells clean and very subtle. There doesn't even drip, which smells like lemon candy. But the F200 not.

Flitwell also has a set in a canvas pouch containing extra virgin coconut oil lotion, goat's milk soap and extra virgin-coconut and peppermint face scrub, which all smell just as good and leave skin silky soft. For \$58, you may have the best collection yet.

Another sweet group I found that does not use harsh clothes is French Celine Line. Made in France, it smells like lime Marguerite and the scent stays on. The bottle is also very classy so you can display it on your dresser. Visit www.thefrenchline.com/products.htm or call 800.333.0007.

For soap lovers, I found soap jellies from Curious Health Products which only cost \$20. I like the Orange Delight for exfoliating and whitening and the Green Goddess for skin sooth and detoxifying. They are pretty in my bathroom and smell great. Call or text 0617-5620100.



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